**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF HIMLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE, SWINDON ON WEDNESDAY 20th JANUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT :- MRS Y NOCK PRESIDING**

**PRESENT COUNCILLORS :- MR R LEES, MRS S OLIVER, MR P HEMMING, MRS M SINCLAIR, MR M CRISP, MRS S FROST**

**NOT PRESENT :- PCSO L JONES.**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th December 2015 at the Community Centre, Swindon, as circulated to all members were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

* The litter bin in Bridgnorth Road was not emptied between Friday 18th December and Wednesday 3rd January. It was packed full, with rubbish also around the base. A resident telephoned SSDC and complained. No reason was given for the bin not being emptied but she was told that arrangements would be made to empty the bin ASAP.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

* 15/00811/FUL – Erection of bungalow on land east of Red Lane, Gospel End – application deferred until the end of March.
* 15/01064/TREE - World Owl Trust - Remove 7 individual & 7 groups of trees & part removal of 8 groups of trees in conservation area, Val 14.12.15, Deadline 25.01.16, C.O. Sheila Porter.
* 16/00012/BOCH 06/01/2016 The Old Barn Stourbridge Road. This relates to a barn conversion on the Demesne estate and enforcement is investigating if there is any breach of planning consent.

PLANNING DECISIONS : – None

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE COUNCIL :- None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS INCLUDING RESIDENTS COMPLAINTS :-

* HSBC bank statement received for information purposes.
* No Crime report had been received for the period from 6/12/2015.
* National Savings & Investment annual statement received for information purposes.
* The Site Allocation documents for housing had been received and studied by Cllrs. HPC is to send objections to SSDC re the field south of Railway Walk. It is strongly felt that this should be kept as Green Belt as a buffer between the historic village of Himley and Wombourne. There are also huge concerns that it will exacerbate flooding in the area and overload Himley’s sewage reed bed by doubling the number of properties emptying into it. The provision of schooling and the increased traffic flow are also big areas for concern.
* Letter received from South staffs Citizens Advice Bureau making a request for a donation towards their running costs.
* Details regarding Wombourne’s food bank and the process to make referrals to this were received.
* A large road sign which came down near Himley Cricket Club in high winds was reported to CLARENCE on 2nd January and was replaced on the 11th. Another sign down on Dudley Road at the junction with High Arcal Road was reported on 12th January and also flooding in High Arcal Road due to blocked ditches. Both of these sites were visited by a highways officer on 14th January and works orders have been raised.
* Following observations of litter everywhere and then a complaint from a resident in Dudley Road, a request was made to SSDC for a litter pick on Dudley Road and High Arcal Road. There were many bottles and cans which were dropped by the public walking from the November bonfire in Himley Park as well as miscellaneous litter. It was requested that we contacted DMBC with copies to Sally Newell, Cllr Brian Edwards and SSDC to ask that they please check that all wagons entering the Oak Lane Quarry are netted as there is much litter on the local verges in Dudley Road. High wagons have been seen spewing out litter as they travel along the road and most of the bottles and cans have been there since Dudley’s bonfire in Himley Park.
* It was requested that the clerk contacts SSDC to congratulate Biffa for the excellent bin-emptying service over the Christmas holiday period.
* It was agreed that a notice board is to be installed in Gospel End village. Quotes have been obtained and the cost appears to be approx £900. A grant has been applied for ~~of~~ £400 towards this from the District Member Budget Fund.
* A request was sent to SSC for the 2016/17 precept to be set at £5500 for the year.
* A letter of complaint was received from a resident regarding the mud and leaves on the pavement along the A449 between School Road Himley and Beggars Bush Lane. The clerk is to write to SSDC to request that this is swept and cleared.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT –

100378 £50 – Donation to CAB South Staffs.

 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS - None.

Section 17 – reminds Parish Councils to review if any of the decisions made at the Parish Council meeting have implications in relation to crime, disorder, anti-social behavior or community safety in general.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING :-

**Wednesday 17th February 2016**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.